

are allowed to each player, and only the quadrats that fall with their nicks uppermost are counted. This system is generally adopted for determining the share of good or bad work at the end of a volume, and sometimes it is used as a means of gambling.

Jelly, or **all jelly** (popular), a buxom, good-looking girl.

Jem (old cant), a ring.

Jemima (common), a chamber utensil. *Thomas* in French slang.

Jemini! O Jeminy! By Jimmeny! (popular), a current interjection, also well known in Holland. Teirlinck, in his Dictionary of Bargoensch, says that "Jemenis is merely a variation of Jesus! We still hear Jemenis! Jee-menis! jumenis! Zeemenis, jee-menis Kristus! Jeemenis Maria! See Jemeny, in Oudermans."

Jemmy (popular), a sheep's head; sometimes called by the lower classes a "bloody *jemmy*," on account of the quantity of blood about it.

Nancy quickly laid the cloth; disappearing for a few minutes, she presently returned with a pot of porter and a dish of sheep's head; which gave occasion to several pleasant witticisms on the part of Mr. Sikes, founded upon the singular coincidence of *jemmy* being a cant name common to them, and also to an ingenious implement much used in his profession. —*Dickens: Oliver Twist.*

(Thieves), a crowbar.

They call for crowbars—*jemmies* is the modern name they bear—

They burst through, and bolt and bar—
but what a sight is there!

—*Ingoldsby Legends.*

It has come to the writer's knowledge that the principal tool employed by the burglars is a *jemmy*, which plays the innocent part of axle to a perambulator during the day.—*Thor Fredur: Sketches from Shady Places.*

(Popular), a greatcoat.

Jemmy duck (men-o'-war), the ship's poulterer.

Jemmy Jed (American). When a boy has not brushed his hair, and it stands on end, he is called a *Jemmy Jed*. In the old American editions of *Mother Goose's Nursery Rhymes*, *Jemmy Jed* is represented in a rude woodcut as rushing from a shed with his hair on end.

Jemmy Jed

Went into a shed,
And made a ted
Of straw his bed;
An owl came out
And flew about.

And *Jemmy Jed*
Up stakes and fled.

Wasn't *Jemmy Jed* a staring fool?
Born in the woods, to be scared by
an owl.

Jemmy Jessamy (popular), a dandy (Hotten).

Jemmy O'Goblin (theatrical), a sovereign.

Jenkins (journalistic), the name given to the person on the staff of the *Morning Post* who reports